

It would be well if those who are directly interested in the conduct of political conventions in this district, would at least select delegates to congressional and other conventions before the people are dispersed over the continent at the watering places. When will action be had?

GRANT may not be wholly indisposed to conciliate the South, and it may be true that while he holds the kuklux act on his hands he may follow a course of compromise to individuals and States with the other. He certainly speaks very wisely to Florida and the Gulf States and the West when he approves the construction of a ship canal across the Florida peninsula. In reply to a delegation from Georgia, who are urging the construction of an inter-oceanic canal connecting the Mississippi with the Atlantic, Grant said he had seen a map of the route, and it looked to him as eminently practicable, and he thought it very important in view of the fact that the present commercial routes are inadequate to the growing needs of commerce, and were it not for the late news of the present session, he would make it a subject of special communication to Congress.

GRANT's plan for carrying the South becomes more and more clearly developed, and yet there are many who are enough to lead before the majority of Grant's despotic authority and support him, or a Democrat, if nominated, who could beat nobody except Greeley. The proposition to adjourn is pending in Congress. The kuklux act is not operative until Congress adjourns. Butler and Grant do not intend that Congress shall adjourn. Instead, a recess will be taken from the twenty-ninth instant till the last of November. The object of a recess is to secure a continuation of that clause of the kuklux law which provides for the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus* to the end of the present session, without the necessity of special legislation now proposed in the Senate for that purpose. It is probable that the recess will be voted down, and the *habeas corpus* suspension debated on its merits. Very certainly, it is the purpose of Butler to have Grant invest with authority to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* in these Southern States during the months of October and November. The people very certainly will vote for Greeley, and Grant would restrain their action by force. In fact, Grant will prohibit them from doing so, and manage this election for him. Give Clayton martial law, and then the right to count the votes, and Greeley will not carry a precinct in the South.

## POLITICAL NOTES.

There appears to be a very general understanding among Senators and members that a final adjournment of Congress will take place not later than Saturday, the first of June.

The Louisville *Courier-Journal* says: "We do not believe that Mr. Voorhes is any worse than the works of his speech make him appear to be. His district is very new-grown, and his constituents do not love Horace Greeley. He consulted his local interests, we do not, correctly."

President Grant on Tuesday sent a message to the Senate, recommending the prosecution of the Jews in Romania. The Louisville *Courier-Journal* says once before the attention of the same man was turned to the descendants of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. Then it was to expel them from a certain military department over which he had command.

The Cincinnati *Commercial* Washington correspondent says: "Conversation with the leading Democrats in the House show that of one hundred and fifty members belonging to that party, not more than twenty-five are in favor of the Baltimore Convention making a nomination, or against the ratification of the nomination of Greeley and Brown. Of the rest of the members, many are in favor of the following: Ing, Vicksburg, and Kerr, of Indiana; Campbell, Lamson and Van Trump, of Ohio; McNeill, of Illinois; Slater, of Oregon; Bird, of New Jersey; Acker, of Pennsylvania; Young and DeWolf, of Kentucky; Winchester, Winchester and Lewis, of Kentucky. Among the Republican Senators who are known to favor Mr. Greeley's election are Trumbull, Schurz, Fenton, Tipton, Sprague, Alcorn, Hill, Ferry of Connecticut, West and Robertson.

## ELECTRIC PARAGRAPHS.

The horse-shoes of Boston are organizing a strike. Secretary Adams yesterday arrived at Salt Lake from a tour of inspection.

The French Assembly has passed a bill creating a court-martial for the trial of Bismarck.

The Methodist Conference is still in session in New York, yesterday being its fifteenth day.

A fire at Sacramento, California, destroyed the city hall.

The village of Chatham, New York, suffered to the extent of nearly \$50,000 by a fire yesterday.

Leading Republicans in Spain are repudiating Don Carlos and King Amadeus, and call on the Republic to prepare for combat.

The Clayton Republican State Convention closed yesterday, the State Convention decided that all officers of courts issued in regard to administration by Confederate courts were void.

Most of the strikers in the mining regions have returned to their labor, and the troops sent to quell the disturbances have been returned to their barracks.

A village near Senanton, Pennsylvania, is entirely surrounded by the wood fires, and the inhabitants are busily engaged in fighting the destruction.

The body of a man was found in the river at Louisville, yesterday, supposed to have been killed by the steamship *Pratt*, formerly of Richmond, Indiana.

Mrs. Barbara Smith, rendered insane by the loss of her child, leaped from the roof of a four-story house in Williamsburg, New York, yesterday, and was instantly killed.

A Madrid dispatch announces the death of a body of five thousand Carlists at Manava, with a loss of twenty-one killed, and a large number of wounded and prisoners.

The Prussian Reichstag has passed resolutions looking to the punishment of the Jesuits, who are mentioned as being guilty of "dangerous activity toward the state."

The Presbyterian General Assembly is in session at Detroit, Michigan. It is composed of five hundred commissioners, one-half of whom are ministers, and the other half laymen.

Sandusky City, Ohio, is being over-run by Southern gentlemen, drawn thither by their smiling proclivities, which they wish to gratify in the vicinity, where base most do congregate.

Workmen struck all in the shape of a good quantity of gold and silver bullion while clearing away some old buildings in New York city, preparatory to erect-

## THE RED-SKINNED DEVILS.

Official Account of the Murder, Scalping, Mutilation and Burning of a Party of "Mothers."

One of the most atrocious crimes ever committed in this country, was the murder, scalping, mutilation and burning of a party of "Mothers," who were on their way to the Indian Reservation at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Grant Responsible for it all—He has sent his Troops into the South, instead of Ordering them to the Plains.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—The War Department, giving the details of a horrible massacre, carried out by Indians, on the morning of the 14th inst., at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, reported that a party of "Mothers," who were on their way to the Indian Reservation at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, were murdered, scalped, mutilated and burned.

An extensive fire is reported as having occurred in Western, Massachusetts, yesterday, destroying a large quantity of lumber, and causing a loss of \$100,000.

A fire occurred at Roselleville, Franklin County, Arkansas, between two brothers named McCoy and a man named McCoy, who were on their way to the Indian Reservation at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, were murdered, scalped, mutilated and burned.

The Forty-second Annual General Assembly of the Church of Christ in America, is in session in Evansville, Indiana, and is largely attended.

The Episcopal Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi, is in session at Jackson, Mississippi, and is largely attended.

A report was current in New York yesterday that the United States Government had been working on the Irish coast, and had captured a vessel and cargo of a total value of \$100,000.

A Toronto dispatch of yesterday says: "The treaty bill was again discussed in Parliament. Holten said the most important clause of the treaty was the one relating to the right of the United States to the land of the Indians."

In New York, yesterday morning, Judge Woodworth, who was appointed by President Grant in 1862, and held office until 1868, died at his residence.

A fire in the freight depot of the Boston, Hartford and Erie railroad at North-Massachusetts, yesterday, destroyed thirty thousand dollars worth of goods belonging to the Elliott Feltz company, and caused a loss of \$100,000.

At the sale of pictures contributed by the artists of the State of New York, yesterday, handsome prices were obtained. A picture of a battle scene, painted by a French artist, sold for \$10,000.

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## CONFEDERATE PICKET.

The Grand Event of the Week, to Come Off To-day and To-morrow.

In view of the fact that the annual picnic of the Confederate Picket, which is the grandest of its kind in the South, is to be held at the city of Richmond, Virginia, on the 20th and 21st inst., it is to be held at the city of Richmond, Virginia, on the 20th and 21st inst.

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